Allotment of petrol pumps and gas agencies to the public sector oil companies

330. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for divesting the power to allot patrol pumps and gas agencies to the public sector oil companies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal.

Delay in refilling the cylinder in West Bengal

331. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the LPG consumers in West Bengal have to wait for a month for refill of the gas cylinder; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) While Oil Companies are continuously meeting the requirement of LPG in West Bengal, efforts are made to meet occasional shortages.

Adequate supply of petroleum in the country

332. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has adequate supply of petroleum and other related products.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the amount of shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) As against domestic availabilty of 50.79 MMTA, the estimated demand for petroleum products in the current year is 60.29 MMTA. the gap will be met by imports.

Decline in crude oil production

333. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Crude oil has been constantly declining every year from 1989-90 onwards;

(b) if so, the decline in the production of Crude oil from 1989-90 to 1991-92;

(c) whether the production of Crude oil is likely to decline further during the current financial year and during the period April-August 1992 production has shown a decline of over 13 per cent over the corresponding period last year;

(d) if so, the estimated quantum of such decline during the current year;

(e) the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to augment production;

(f) whether due to continuous decline in the production of Crude oil, the amount required for importing Crude oil is increasing;

(g) if so, what has been the increase in this amount from 1989-90 to current financial year i.e. 1992-93; and

(h) what is the number of new oil fields where concrete efforts have been made to exploit oil from?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) to (d) The production of crude oil in the last three years is given below:—

Year		Quantity (MMT)
1989-90	...	34.09
1990-91	...	33.00
1991-92	...	30.345

The target for crude oil production in 1992-93 is 28.46 MMT.

(e) and (h) The main reasons for decline in production are: (i) rectificatory measures being taken in the Bombay High field, (ii) reservoir constraints in some fields in Gujarat and (iii) law and order problems in Assam. Steps being taken to augment production implementation of projects to develop new oilfields of Neelam, Ravva, Panna, Gandhar and R-15A as also projects for enhanced recovery from L-II and L-III reservoirs of Bombay High filed. Certain discovered oil and gas fields have also been offered for development to private companies.

(f) and (g) Decline in indigenous production of crude oil alongwith increased demand are the factors contributing to increased import of crude oil. The quantity of crude oil imported since 1989-90 is given below:-

Year		Quantity (MMT)
1989-90	..	19.49
1990-91	..	20.69
1991-92	..	23.99

The Government has approved import of 26.66 MMT of crude oil during the year 1992-93.

Ultimatum on Tapti gas fields

334. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have received an ultimatum from the Gujarat Govt. and the All-Party Convention of Gujarat on Tapti Gas Fields gas to be explored and piped to the proposed Pipavav Power House in Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the time-limit of one month of ultimatum has expired;

(c) whether Government propose to implement its commitment with regard to supply of gas to Pipavav Power Station in Gujarat;

(d) whether Government have decided or considering to divert the Tapti Gas field gas to some other areas outside Gujarat without meeting the demand of the Gujarat; and

(e) whether Government is aware that there is no coal linkage provided for the proposed power houses in Gujarat in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATUAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) and (b) Various representations in this regard have been received from time to time from the State Government as well as other sources.

(c) and (d) Investment plans for development of Tapti fields are yet to be finalised.

(e) Coal linkage has been accorded for the Gandhinagar and Sikka (Extension-II) power plants.